Lovely Strange Dark
ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER
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...WHO YOU ARE IS A RESULT OF YOUR MIND
SET OVER THE YEARS.
—HEY,
MPH MM MPH
tap
DIDN'T I SEE YOU YESTER-DAY?

ARE YOU THE COOKIE GIRL?
THAT'S ME!

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COME OVER HERE AND TALK TO THE CAMERA
YOUR MOTHER'S ON
I'M GOOD WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED PHONE CALL
IS THIS STILL CONNECTED?
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
AH,
AH,
AH!
WHY DO I HAVE TO STARE AT HER UGLY MUG?

SO YOU'RE GWEN?
THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING, FOR AN AMATEUR. GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL DRAWING WITH THE MIND'S EYE.
I JUST DON'T GET ART.
CAN'T EVEN TELL WHICH WAY'S UP.
This way?!
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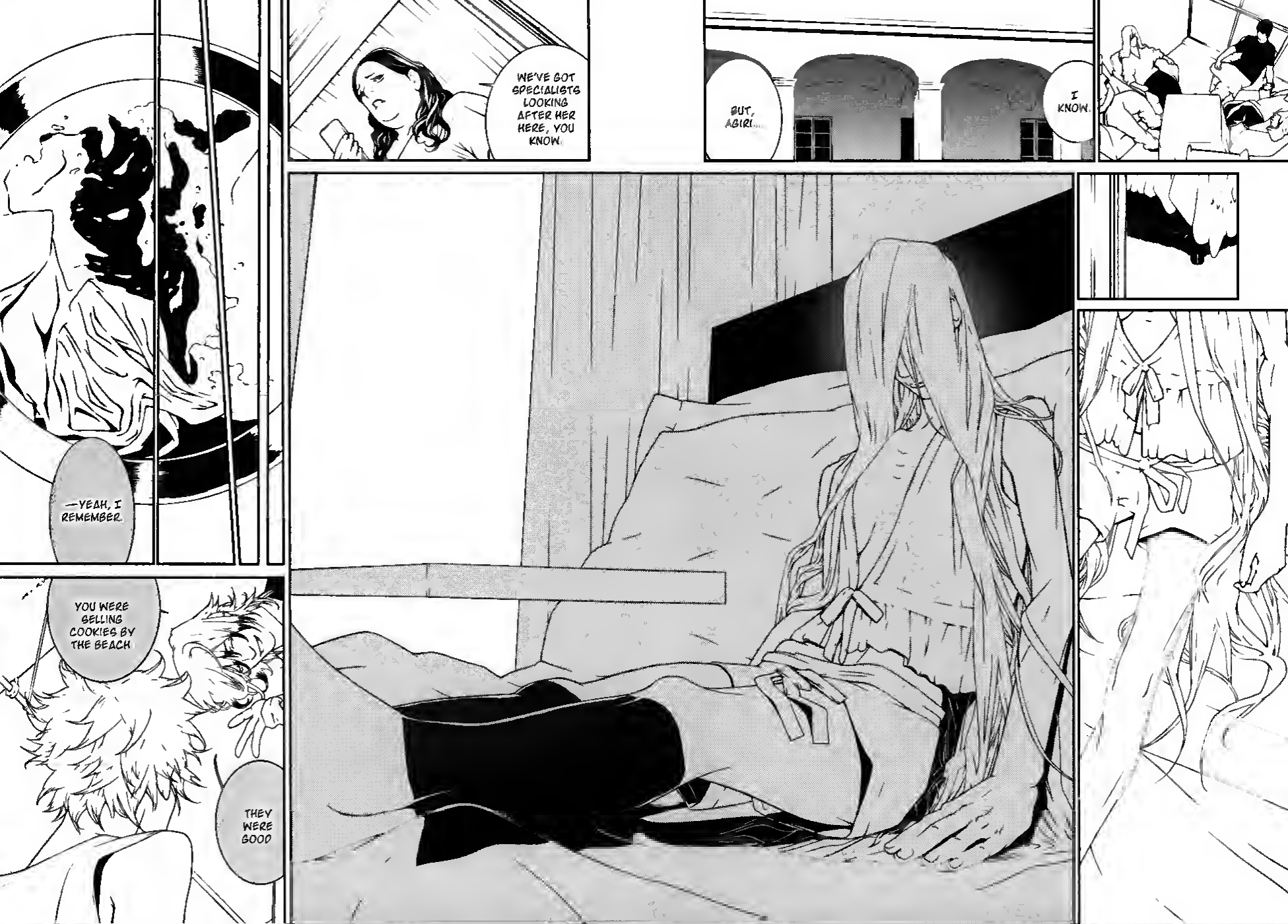
YOUR HEARING AND SENSE OF TOUCH ARE SEVERAL TIMES BETTER THAN OURS.
THAT'S ONE THING THOSE FANCY ART GALLERIES IN NEW YORK CAN'T COMPETE WITH.
APPARENTLY THINGS ARE WORTH MORE WHEN A BLIND GUY DRAWS THEM.
HE'S NOT EXACTLY AN AMATEUR.
HE'S SO GOOD HE PAYS HIS TAXES BY THE MILLIONS.
THANKS.

FOR INSTANCE,
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE DEPRO-GRAMMER?
HMM...
.....
Ibiye!
I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU AN AMATEUR!
Mmmm.
HE'S ALL SHOW.
THE DEPRO-GRAMMER
.....
HASN'T EVEN REGISTERED THAT HE SWITCHED TO TALKING IN ENGLISH.
OR A SHOWOFF? SOUNDS UNRELIABLE TO ME.

IT'S KINDA
HE'S GOT A SCREW LOOSE
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
GOT ME A LITTLE SCARED, TOO—
RUN!!!

AGIRI!
GET OVER HERE!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
I CAN'T KEEP CALM
TALK SOME SENSE INTO MY MOM. ALL SHE CAN THINK ABOUT IS MAKING SURE MY SISTER DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE
AND YOUR SISTER?
SHE CAN JUST STAY IN BED, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE A REAL HOSPITAL. MY MOM CAN TAKE THE LAPTOP AND PHONE TO HER ROOM.


WE'VE GOT SPECIALISTS LOOKING AFTER HER HERE, YOU KNOW.
BUT, AGIRI...
I KNOW.
—YEAH, I REMEMBER.
YOU WERE SELLING COOKIES BY THE BEACH.
THEY WERE GOOD

IS THAT YOUR HOMEWORK?
SO, YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?
SO THAT'S IN ADDITION TO YOUR SCHOOLWORK? THAT'S A LOT.
SOMEONE I KNOW FROM SCHOOL RECOMMENDED THESE SEMINARS TO ME, SO I'M TAKING THIS ZEN COURSE
YOU TOO?
NO BIG DEAL
I'M SAVING UP MONEY, SO I'M TAKING A LITTLE BREAK FROM COLLEGE
I'M LEARNING HOW TO LIVE CALIFORNIA-STYLE WHILE STAYING TRUE TO MY ROOTS
THINK WE GO TO THE SAME COLLEGE?
PEOPLE HAVE AN INFINITE CAPACITY FOR CHANGE
"WHO YOU ARE NOW IS THE CULMINATION OF WHAT YOU'VE DESIRED IN LIFE."

HUH.
SO YOU'RE SAVING UP? MIND IF I ASK FOR WHAT?
THE SEMINAR FEES?
THE SEMINARS DON'T COST THAT MUCH
WHEN YOU COMPLETE ONE, YOU MOVE UP TO THE NEXT RUNG
He sounds pretty interested
Or, maybe interested in me?
What now? I've never recruited anyone before
WOW, SOUNDS HARD. I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH ALL THAT.
You can't be so pessimistic!
I have to show this guy
how to embrace this wonderful world of ours.

WHAT
YOU ASKED ME THE SAME THING TWO HOURS AGO
...WHAT TIME IS IT...? WHAT DAY...?
MIF, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR SESSION
LOOK
THE HYPNO-THERAPIST IS WAITING
IT ISN'T YOUR USUAL THERAPIST I TOLD YOU, I BOOKED AN EXPERT FOR A LONG-DISTANCE SESSION
FIRST HE WANTS TO TAKE A LOOK AT YOU
.....
...WHAT'S THIS ?

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WHATEVER...
I WONDER HOW IT'LL TURN OUT.
I TOLD HER MOM THAT IF SHE STARTS GETTING UPSET, WE'LL CUT IT SHORT.
SHE'S NOT GOING TO GIVE US LONG, THOUGH——
FROM WHAT I HEAR, MIE SPENDS PRACTICALLY ALL DAY DAY-DREAMING.
HE TENDS TO MAKE SPUR OF THE MOMENT PROMISES HE CAN'T KEEP.

HEY, DOCTOR CALAVERA
YES?
SEEMS HE DRESSED UP TO BUILD TRUST HERE IN THE REAL WORLD.
AND WHAT, ONLY THE TOP HALF SHOWS IN THE CAMERA? DO IT RIGHT, GEEZ.
WHAT'S WITH HIS CLOTHES?
DOCTOR CALAVERA
Glance
IT'S GOOD TO MEET YOU.
HEY THERE, MIF
HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?
I'M DOCTOR ...

HEY!
NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO HYPNOTIZE ME
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF AN EXPERT YOU ARE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY POINT TO THIS
I HATE TO SPEAK ILL OF MY USUAL HYPNO-THERAPIST, BUT ALL WE EVER DID WAS CHAT
I KEEP TELLING EVERYONE TO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
REALLY?
IN THAT CASE, WOULD YOU AT LEAST LET ME SEE YOUR FACE?
OVER HERE, ALL ANYONE DOES IS TALK ABOUT HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE
WOULD YOU AT LEAST FAVOR ME WITH A LOOK AT YOUR EYES?
.....
MIF

.....
HOW STUPID.
Snap

Swish..
Slide..

STANLEY!
STOMP STOMP
STAN-LEY!
THERE YOU ARE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE!?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS.
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GOING TO WORK.
WH
AND I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT THE SHELL THAT'S LEFT OF MY SISTER

THE DEPRO-GRAMMER
DID IT! HE DOVE!

YEAH?
WHAT, HE DOVE OFF THE ROOF?
SORACHAI SAID
HE HYPNOTIZED HER
OVER THE PHONE!
HE MANAGED TO DIVE INTO MIF'S MIND!